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Civic Event to Benefit Domestic Violence Movement

City Attorney Lauds LIBERTY WALK Corporate Sponsors

San Diego City Attorney Casey Gwinn is proud to announce **The Liberty Walk "Freedom From Domestic Violence"** kick-off today, Monday, June 23rd from 6:00pm until 7:30pm at the La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club.

The kick-off reception will be an opportunity to recognize corporations and service organizations who have risen to the challenge of bringing awareness to the issue of domestic violence by sponsoring a civic event that will debut this fall. **The Liberty Walk "Freedom From Domestic Violence"** event is a community walk that will take place October 19 at the Torrey Pines State Reserve and includes 1-5 mile walk, corporate team division walk, health and fitness expo, diaper dash, children's expo, pancake breakfast and live entertainment.

Gwinn is honored to give special recognition to National University and Pinnfund USA who have agreed to participate as event title and presenting sponsors, respectively. Executives from Home Depot, another major supporter of the event, and other companies will also be in attendance and will present sponsorship checks to the Liberty Walk committee today.

Gwinn, who has spent over ten years as an advocate against domestic violence, is encouraged by the level of support demonstrated by corporate San Diego. "Domestic Violence used to be an issue that no one wanted to talk about," said Gwinn. "A domestic violence incident occurs every 15 seconds in America. Unless we're able to collectively admit the problem exists, we'll never be able to stop it -- and it is a preventable crime," he said. "I'm proud these businesses have stepped up to the plate. I challenge others to join them."

The National University Liberty Walk was created to increase awareness and raise money for programs aimed at ending domestic violence in San Diego. Proceeds from the walk will benefit the San Diego YWCA, Community Resource Center, San Diego Domestic Violence Council, South Bay Community Services, Women's Resource Center, Center for Community Solutions and EYE Counseling & Crisis Center.

The Junior League of San Diego and Soroptimist International are the driving forces behind the **National University Liberty Walk**. The kick-off reception will feature the Junior League of San Diego's compelling silent witness figures, representing 14 San Diego County women who were murdered in acts of domestic violence in 1995.

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